

Keynote Speakers



Dr. Susan Weinberger

Dr. Susan G. Weinberger, an international consultant on mentoring, is the Founder and President of the MENTOR CONSULTING GROUP. She was a pioneer in designing and developing a school-based mentoring program, the Norwalk Mentor Program in the early 1980's and served as its director for 12 years.

Dr. Weinberger has been recognized for her expertise in establishing, maintaining, and evaluating school, corporate, and community-based mentoring programs and school-to-work initiatives. These include internal coaching programs within the business environment. Her work has been published widely and the program she designed has been replicated in 48 of the United States, as well as Bermuda and Canada. Dr. Weinberger's latest book, *Mentoring A Movement: My Personal Journey* was released in December 2005. It is an account of her experiences over more than two decades as a pioneer in the field of mentoring. She has also had seven other books published.

Dr. Weinberger is the chair of the Public Policy Council with MENTOR/National Mentoring Partnership and is a founding member of its Technical Assistance Corps. She is a trainer for the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Programs and its National Mentoring Center. She is a consultant to the Departments of Labor, Education, Health and Human Services, and Housing and Urban Development. She also consults with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Canada and the Governor's Prevention Partnership in Connecticut.

Richard A. Rowe, MPA

Richard A. Rowe is the President/CEO of the African American Male Leadership Institute, Inc., and his consulting firm, The Leadership Circle.

He is the former director of programs and administration for the Baltimore Mentoring Partnership where he was responsible for managing the agency's direct services division, which included over thirteen mentoring programs. With over 18 years of experience in the field of mentoring, he has trained hundreds of volunteers, educators, and organizations. He has lectured locally and nationally on issues related to male leadership and responsibility, recruiting and screening African American male volunteers, and developing school/faith-based mentoring programs.



Mr. Rowe is the co-host of a weekly radio program on Morgan State University's radio station, which provides a forum for candid dialogue about the plight of black men and their families. He serves on a number of community and youth development boards, and he is a contributing writer to several local and national publications and web sites, including *Black Parenting Magazine*, *A Good Black Man.Com*, *The Journal of Black Manhood*, and *Black Fatherhood*.